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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
BRIAN J. KRAJEWSKI



April 15, 2003

Mr. Robert J. Schillerstrom
County Board Chairman
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Chairman Schillerstrom:

As you know, the Village of Downers Grove has been working with several federal, state, local, and private organizations in an effort to bring safe drinking water to areas affected with groundwater contamination in unincorporated Downers Grove. While this effort has been ongoing for some time, we are nearing the end of this challenging process.

Since the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency found sources of groundwater contamination in our unincorporated areas, a great deal has been accomplished. Former Governor George Ryan established a Task Force to look into the matter, Citizen Action Groups were formed by residents in those areas, the Village of Downers Grove has obtained a \$711,948 grant for infrastructure in the North Belmont Park area, Congresswoman Judy Biggert provided a \$450,000 grant to DuPage County for groundwater contamination, and the Village of Downers Grove has entered into two separate agreements with DuPage County and the DuPage County Water Commission, respectively.

Also during this time, a number of tests were conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. They identified a number of Potentially Responsible Parties in our Ellsworth Park Industrial area that may have contributed to the groundwater contamination. We have been working with them to craft an agreement that would assist in connecting the residents affected to our water system. While we are still in the negotiation process, they are willing to contribute a significant dollar figure to assist with the connections.

Other funding issues still remain. Some include, reducing the connection costs to the residents, reimbursing residents who have already connected to our water supply this past year, and covering the costs of additional connections that may not be included in the present residential figures. With that in mind, I would like to request that the \$450,000 grant from Congresswoman Biggert be directed to assist in the funding of this project. This additional funding would be a significant step toward finalizing the process and bringing safe drinking water to these residents.

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County Board Chairman
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Thank you for taking time to review this request. If you would like to discuss the issue, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE



Brian J. Krajewski
Mayor

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